

affiliated societies

The Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy



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The recently formed Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy (APAGE) is a regional society which has already organized several very successful meetings. A regional society is able to address issues of importance to its member societies such matters as medical care unique to their region and the general improvement in the surgical skills of the physicians in their area. The most recent annual APAGE meeting was held in Hong Kong. The 2006 meeting will be held in Sydney, Australia on Aug. 18–19. It is a wonderful chance to attend an excellent meeting and visit a marvelous country.

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uation of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the field of gynecologic endoscopy and minimally invasive therapy; to represent affiliated societies whenever joint scientific action is appropriate; and to establish and maintain relations with other organizations and to promote activities which further the objectives of the Association.

NS: Approximately how many members are there?

APAGE: Our membership comprises all members of our 12 member societies from different Asia/Pacific regions, including Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

NS: What are some of the benefits of membership?

APAGE: The distribution of information by APAGE; reduced registration fees at all APAGE academic activities, including training courses, workshops and congresses; and free access to the e-journal of APAGE (under development)

NS: Is there any additional information you would like to provide about your society?

APAGE: APAGE organizes annual congresses at different regions each year, normally in October, and awards the best presentation to outstanding experts in the field worldwide; regional APAGE meetings will also be held on an ad hoc basis; and training courses in gynecological endoscopy will be conducted regularly and on demand. Updated information on APAGE activities can be found at the association website <http://www.apage.org.tw>.

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NewsScope: When and how was your society established?

APAGE: The Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE) was formalized in 2003 by a group of committed gynecologic endoscopists and their respective endoscopy societies from the Asia-Pacific region, under the initiation of Professor Chyi-Long Lee, founding president, Professor Pong Mo Yuen, and Dr. Keen Wyhe Lee.

NS: What is its mission statement/primary goal?

APAGE: The goals of APAGE are: to stimulate basic and applied research and the dissemination of knowledge on all aspects of gynecologic endoscopy and minimally invasive therapy; to stimulate the creation of societies for basic and applied work in the field of gynecologic endoscopy and minimally invasive therapy; to contribute to the standardization of terminology and eval-



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